

HOUSE BILL 2673

By Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67,
relative to unattended food establishments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-102, is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

() "Controlled entry" means selective restriction or limitation of access to a place or location;

() "Micro market" means an unattended food establishment that:

(A) Includes one (1) or more micro market displays;

(B) Has an automated payment kiosk or other device designed for self-checkout by the consumer by means of electronic payment;

(C) Has controlled entry not accessible by the general public; and

(D) Only provides commercially prepackaged food or ready-to-eat food that:

(i) Is prepackaged in tamper evident packaging;

(ii) Contains nutrition information required by the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.); and

(iii) Contains a freshness or expiration date;

() "Micro market display" means a place where food being sold by a micro market is displayed, including a:

(A) Refrigerator or a refrigerated cooler;

(B) Freezer;

(C) Vending machine;

- (D) Open rack;
- (E) Beverage dispenser; or
- (F) Single-service coffee brewer.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-202(c), is amended by deleting the language "from any vending machine" and substituting instead the language "from any micro market or any vending machine".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-329(a)(18), is amended by deleting the language "from any vending machine" and substituting instead the language "from any micro market or vending machine"; and is further amended by deleting the language "including vending machines" and substituting instead the language "including micro markets and vending machines".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-504, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a dealer who owns and operates micro markets in multiple locations is authorized to submit monthly a single return and payment arising from all sales or purchases made at all the micro markets owned and operated by the dealer and taxable under this chapter.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.